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SUBJECT: GUYANA'S SUGAR OUTLOOK FOR 1975

REF: (A) GEORGETOWN 2176; (B) PORT OF SPAIN 34

1. SUGAR INDUSTRY ESTIMATES 360,000 LONG TON CANE SUGAR CROP FOR 1975. OF THIS AMOUNT 325,000 (PLUS 14,000 HOLDOVER FROM 1974 CROP) SLATED FOR EXPORT. THUS TOTAL SHIPMENTS OF 339,000 LT'S POSSIBLE IF CROP EXPECTATIONS REALIZED. SPRING CROP ESTIMATE 150,000 LT'S, FALL CROP 210,000 LT'S.

2. AS REPORTED EARLIER (REF A) GUYANA ANXIOUS TO SUPPLY LARGE AMOUNT TO US MARKET. INDUSTRY SOURCE HAS INFORMED EMBOFF THAT AT LEAST 100,000 LT'S WILL GO TO US, MOST IF NOT ALL DURING FIRST HALF OF YEAR. AMOUNTS ABOVE THAT LEVEL WILL DEPEND IN PART ON OUTCOME CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH UK/EEC. FYI. GUYANA HAS ALREADY COMMITTED 52,000 LT'S FOR 1975 SHIPMENT, OF WHICH 10,000 DESTINED FOR US. END FYI.

3. FACTOR WHICH POSES POTENTIAL THREAT TO THIS YEAR'S CROP IS APPEARANCE IN DECEMBER OF SMUT DISEASE. DISEASE CHARACTERIZED BY FUNGUS (USTILAGO SCITEMINEA) TRANSMITTED BY PATHOGEN UNCLASSIFIED

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(ALBION AND SKELDON) IN THE COURANTYNE-BERBICE AREA HAVE REPORTED PRESENCE OF DISEASE. WEST INDIES CENTRAL SUGARCANE BREEDING STATION IN BARBADOS NOTIFIED. WE UNDERSTAND OUTBREAK IN GUYANA MARKS FIRST APPEARANCE OF DISEASE IN WEST INDIES AREA. THERE IS NO RPT NO REASON AT THIS TIME TO PROJECT ANY SHORTFALL IN GUYANA 1975 CROP DUE TO DISEASE, WHICH SO FAR HAS AFFECTED ONLY ONE VARIETY OF CANE.
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